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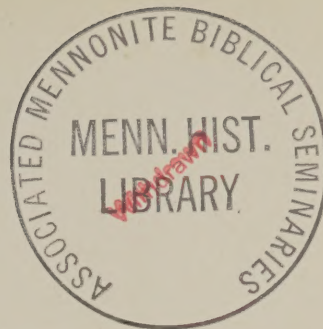
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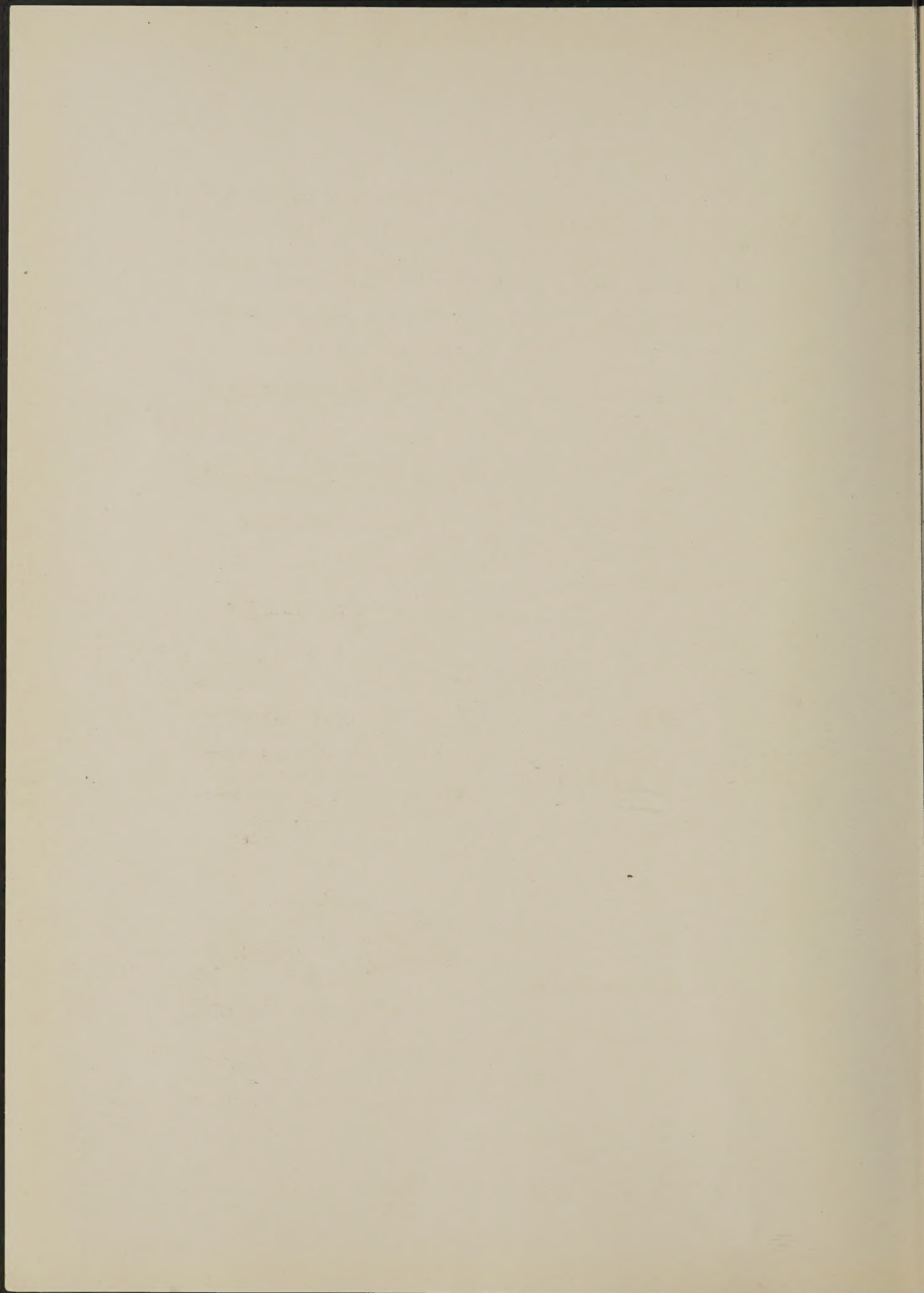


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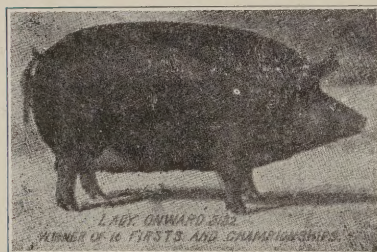
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: DEDICATION :

To our fathers and mothers, who have nurtured us, and have sacrificed much time and labor, making it possible for us to receive an education, we, the Seniors of nineteen hundred thirty, gratefully dedicate this, our third Centerika.





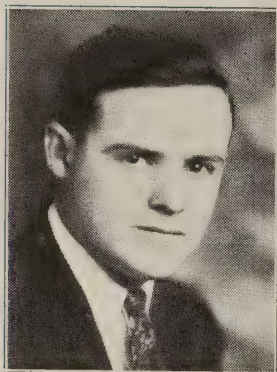
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# Editorial

## COMPETITION VS. CO-OPERATION

Competition refers to the way we have of striving, sometimes against one another, to get what we want. Life is made up of competition. It is a common error to speak of competition as though it were another name for war. The more people compete, and the more strenuously they compete, the better service we shall have and the better off everybody will be. There are a few people who object on principles to all forms of competition, who believe that the entire system is morally wrong. Such people should never play so mild a game as croquet, because it is a game of competition.

Our idea of competition is constantly being strengthened because we live in an atmosphere of rivalry. During the entire life of man on this continent he has had to struggle in one way or another against enemies. The reason that we are here today is due to the fact that our ancestors were successful in their struggles. Competition is as the breath of life to our nostrils. The conflicts in business, politics, and social life tend to keep us competition-minded. Competitors in a friendly game should not be less friendly because they are competing. When the basketball team cares more for victory than for the sport, basketball becomes a game unfit for people to play.

Life is made up of competition, but success in life is made up of co-operation. In the midst of all the competition that is going on there is a great deal of co-operation. Co-operation, as it is generally practiced, is only a method of competing more effectively. There is co-operation among the members of an athletic team. Their teamwork consists of working together effectively, but the purpose of this co-operation is to enable them to compete more effectively against the opposing team. It would be difficult to name one instance of co-operation which did not, directly or indirectly, enable the co-operators to compete more successfully than they could by working as individuals.

Schools realize the importance of co-operation. Any institution cannot be successful without a certain amount of it. Our schools would soon be disrupted. Class work, athletics, music, and the school itself are exercises in co-operation. But our opportunities to co-operate are not confined within the walls of our school building or the boundaries of our school grounds. We can gain much by contact with other schools.

We compete with other schools in athletics and other contests. We give cheers for our team, and during the whole game we have the "fight spirit." If we win the game, we are happy. If we lose, we should not forget our good sportsmanship. After all it is only a game that is training us for a great work. This work is competing against enemies—hatred, selfishness, and dishonesty.

Ed.



## COMMUNITY INTEREST

The time has come for the class of nineteen hundred and thirty to face the world. They hope that their class is as successful in the big world as the preceding classes have been.

Look over the past few years and see what has been done. Some of the graduates are teachers, some are farmers, and others are taking college work. It has



been well worth their time to finish their high school work. They would have missed many opportunities in the past, and would continue to miss them in the future had they not taken their high school course.

Had it not been for the small country high school many of the young people, doubtless, never would have received a high school education. The school is an advantage to both parents and students. The young people can help their parents before and after school. The expense that is connected with a high school education is much less. Then the students enjoy the atmosphere of a good home life.

The interest that is taken by the community is very much appreciated; it helps to make the school a success. The students and faculty hope that this interest will not be less enthusiastic as the years pass.

—Ass't. Ed.



### WHAT'S THE USE

There are certain things, dry and uninteresting at times, demanding of us hard work and calling for our allegiance, though we want to give up and do some things less tedious and less exacting. Going to school is implied in the above statement. My first achievement after I had learned to count was to be able to tell those that cared to listen, that I had only seven more years of school. But, alas, I was informed by my parents that there were higher schools of learning that I must attend. After a little oral arithmetic, I found that eight years in the grades and four in high school, totaled only twelve years. Now that I am about to leave the protection of the high school, I say to myself, "What's the use?"

There is no escape, for life is a school. As we discard our books and leave the school room, we have not absorbed all the knowledge in the world. Schooling has only pointed out the way to real and vital knowledge. Schooling has given us the fundamental factors to begin our journey, and that is all. Again I say, "What's the use?"

One man has said, "What you cannot overcome, you must endure." So, I submit myself to the forces that be, pledging myself to take the journey in search of truth and knowledge. After all, as long as there is life there are lessons to be learned. We must submit; we have no other choice.

G. P. '30



### CENTER HIGH SERVES YOU

Center High School presents to its community a great opportunity and a great obligation. The school is ideally located, drawing to its class rooms, young people who, due to the distance of other schools, would be deprived of a high school education. The boys and girls attending the school come from the farms of our community. Center is a farm school, interested in presenting to the students, information that will be helpful in their chosen vocations. There is no mixed group of youth from the city and the farm, with the former group receiving the greater emphasis and the latter group returning to the farms, after four years of study with an education of very little practical value. There is unity of purpose. There is no need of the students paying board, as the school is in easy riding or driving distance, and the student can be at home every night, enjoying the home life, and receiving the supervision of his parents, at an age that he needs it. The school, one that strives to build the character, and to give to the student a faith in himself, his fellows and his Maker, is in sympathy with the work of the church, holding fine ideals of character. Center is unified in purpose to serve the community, showing to youth the value of going the second mile. What a great opportunity the school is offering to the youth of our community. It also puts upon the school a great obligation of upholding the standards for the past and making forward steps in the service of youth.

G. P. '30



# Seniors



## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

In the fall of nineteen hundred and twenty-six we, as Freshmen, knocked at the doors of Center High School for admittance. We were welcomed into a new school building. Even though we did act a bit green, we knew that verdancy was a sign for growth. The upper classmen, realizing that they had once gone "through the mill," were rather congenial. When we were Freshmen, we behaved as such.

The Sophomore year found our number decreased by one. We now numbered seven. We already had great expectations of being the largest and best class to graduate from Center. During this year some of our talent was shown by competing in our first declamatory contest.

During the Junior year the girls had "full swing," since there were no boys in the class. Our number was decreased by two, Cecil and Lois Bontrager, who sought knowledge in another school. We were now beginning to plan our future careers. Some of us were planning to be teachers, nurses, and stenographers. We further displayed some of our talent by presenting the play "Always in Trouble." One of the most important features of this year was the banquet given in honor of the Seniors.

At last we are Seniors. Some of our prophecies have already been fulfilled. We have a great deal of work, but with the co-operation that we Seniors have, we can do a great deal. We took part in athletics, contests, plays, and other entertainments. We now are twelve in number. We were glad to welcome Lois and Cecil Bontrager to our class again and also three new members, Mary Swartzendruber, Delmar Brenneman, and George Pennington. We will always have many happy memories of the four years we spent at Center.

L. B. '30



## CLASS PROPHECY

One hot summer night in July, nineteen hundred and forty, after a heavy meal during which I had eaten too much oyster stew, I had a strange dream. A phantom airplane driven by a ghostly apparition landed on the lawn. The apparition commanded me to take a ride. I climbed in and we were soon flying eastward. We soon landed at Paris, France; we remained there for some time. I learned that the pilot of the airplane was Cecil Bontrager. As a pastime he was driving for the Paris Air Line.

One evening as we returned from a ride, we each received a letter from Kalona, Iowa. It was an invitation to attend the Alumni Banquet at Center High School. It didn't take us long to decide that we would attend it. We started on our journey next morning. When we arrived at New York we stopped for dinner. Having become members of the idle rich, we went into the best cafeteria in the city. We immediately recognized one of the waiters as Ferne Wertz.

On picking up the evening paper, we saw these headlines: "New Governor Elected." Upon reading it, we found that Delmar Brenneman had received the office.

We resumed our journey and arrived at Joetown the next morning. Arriving at the banquet that evening, we met all our classmates. We learned that Mary Swartzendruber was a private tutor in Iowa City. Edna Yoder had hired out to K. T. N. T. to sing solos. Marjorie Hukill was living a secluded life in the Ozark Mountains raising soy beans. Helena Amelon, we were told, was doing a prosperous





Lois Bontrager

"Honey".  
 "I can't know".  
 Vice President '27-'28.  
 Declamatory—Humorous, 2nd, county  
 contest '27-'28.  
 Goshen College Academy '28-'29.  
 Girls' Quartette '26-'27; '27-'28; '29-'30.  
 President '29-'30.  
 Centerika Editor '29-'30.  
 President Irving Society '29-'30.  
 Basketball '29-'30.

Delmar Brenneman

"Del".  
 "How did you get that way".  
 Centerika Business Manager '29-'30.  
 Basketball '27-'28; '28-'29; '29-'30.  
 Baseball '27-'28; '28-'29; '29-'30.  
 Excelsior Literary Society.  
 Declamatory.  
 Secretary-Treasury Athletic Association.



Agnes Swartzendruber

"Aggie".  
 "I'll say".  
 President '27-'28.  
 Vice President Excelsior Society '29-'30.  
 Assistant Editor Centerika '29-'30.  
 Girls' Quartette '26-'27; '27-'28; '28-'29;  
 '29-'30.  
 Basketball '26-'27; '27-'28; '28-'29.  
 Declamatory.  
 Baseball.

Mary Swartzendruber

"Molly".  
 "I think so too".  
 Goshen College Academy '27-'28; '28-'29.  
 Centerika Reporter '29-'30.  
 Excelsior Literary Society.  
 Declamatory.





Edna Yoder

"Pumpkin".  
 "You'd be surprised".  
 Vice President '29-'30.  
 Declamatory—Dramatic 1st, county contest '27-'28. '29-'30.  
 Basketball '29-'30.  
 Girls' Quartette '26-'27; '27-'28; '28-'29; '29-'30.  
 Centerika Feature Editor '29-'30.  
 Baseball '28-'29.  
 Excelsior Literary Society.



George Pennington

"Pat".  
 "Listen here".

Ferne Wertz

"Shorty".  
 "And how".  
 Basketball '26-'27; '27-'28; '28-'29; '29-'30.  
 Declamatory.  
 Class Secretary '27-'28.  
 Excelsior Literary Secretary.  
 Centerika Sales Manager '29-'30.



Arvilla Eimen

"Spud".  
 "I don't care".  
 Girls' Quartette '26-'27; '27-'28; '28-'29; '29-'30.  
 Excelsior Literary Society.  
 Centerika Athletic Editor '29-'30.  
 Basketball '26-'27; '27-'28; '28-'29; '29-'30.  
 Declamatory.  
 Baseball Captain '28-'29.





Marjorie Hukill

"Marg".  
 "That's nothing to write home about".  
 Declamatory.  
 Basketball '26-'27; '27-'28; '28-'29;  
 '29-'30.  
 Centerika Reporter '29-'30.  
 Excelsior Literary Society.

Cecil Bentrager

"Cec".  
 "Go chase yourself".  
 Centerika Business Manager '29-'30.  
 Basketball '29-'30.  
 Goshen College Academy '28-'29.  
 Secretary-Treasurer '29-'30.  
 Irving Literary Society.  
 Baseball '29-'30.  
 President '28-'29.  
 Declamatory.



Eulah Miller

"Mike".  
 "Don't you know?"  
 Centerika Joke Editor '29-'30.  
 Secretary-Treasurer Irving Literary So-  
 ciety '29-'30.  
 Declamatory.  
 Basketball '29-'30.

Helena Amelon

"Helen".  
 "Why bring that up?"  
 Basketball '28-'29; '29-'30.  
 Declamatory—Humorous, 3rd, county  
 contest '29-'30.  
 Baseball '28-'29.  
 Excelsior Literary Society.  
 Centerika Joke Editor '29-'30.





business as manager of a Beauty Shop in Frytown. Agnes Swartzendruber was a dietitian in a hospital in St. Louis. Eulah Miller had just returned from Hollywood, and had received world-wide fame as a toe-dancer. Arvilla Eimen, by applying her knowledge of physical science, had invented electric dynamite. George Pennington was the radio announcer at Shreveport, Louisiana. Lois Bontrager was music instructor in the Joetown Conservatory of Music.

After the Banquet we again started for Paris with many pleasant memories of our Alma Mater.

Just then my dream was disturbed by my mother calling me.

L. B. '30



### CLASS WILL

We, the Seniors of nineteen hundred and thirty, being physically, mentally, and morally sound, and realizing that the time for our departure is at hand, hereby set down the last will for the disposal of our school possessions.

### ITEMS

To the Juniors, we hereby give and bequeath all rights and privileges which we, as Seniors, in due course have enjoyed in the past year.

To the Freshmen, who so sadly need it, we give our love and respect for each other.

To Emily Slaubaugh, we leave Eulah Miller's noise making abilities.

To Victor Hess, we leave Arvilla Eimen's pugnacity.

To Charles Semler, we leave Agnes Swartzendruber's mania for studying.

To Lois McKray, we leave Helena Amelon's ability to talk, think, and chew gum out of all proportion and propriety.

To Paul Beard, we leave Cecil Bontrager's placid expression.

To Clifton Gingerich, we give Ferne Wertz's ability to get into a small place.

To Lloyd Fry, we leave Delmar Brenneman's ability to make people think he knows more than he really does.

To Darlene Fry, we leave Edna Yoder's declamatory ability.

To Leoan Liebe, we leave Mary Swartzendruber's smile.

To Morris Swartzendruber, we leave Marjorie Hukill's capability of growing tall.

To Frederick Beard, we leave George Pennington's law arguing ability.

To Harold Reber, we leave Lois Bontrager's quiet manners and gentle voice.

Signed before me this nineteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty.

Bone Pile,

Notary.

Witnesses:

Ollie Right,  
Colonel Cootie.



### THE GAME OF LIFE

It isn't so much if you win or lose

As you play the game of life,

It's the courage that you put into each  
new day;

It's the way you battle with strife.

It's the brotherly deed that you do each  
day,

The smile as you go along,

The lifting of sorrow from some bur-  
dened heart,

Giving the world a new song.

Righteousness, straightforwardness, and  
honesty

Measure your steps to fame;

These are the things that gauge suc-  
cess,

It's how you've played the game.

G. P. '30





# Juniors



**Back Row: Left to Right**—Leoan Liebe, Leona Swartzendruber, Martha Swartzendruber, Victor Hess, Frederick Beard, Emily Slaubaugh.  
**Front Row:** Charles Semler, Clifton Gingerich, Lloyd Fry, Lloyd Bender, Paul Beard.



## JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

Fourteen freshmen entered Center High School in the fall of nineteen hundred twenty-seven in an attempt to further their education. This class consisted of five girls and nine boys. Our teachers who were selected that year were Mr. and Mrs. Osborn and Mrs. Hanson. Of course we were green freshmen, but we didn't care for all freshmen are known to be green.

The next year, however, the number of members in our class was diminished. Marvle Palmer had gone West for her health, and Lyle Yoder had also left us. Verda Gingerich was with us only the first semester. Lloyd Bender, who had been a previous member also left us, diminishing our class to the number of ten, but our loss was lessened somewhat when Earl Amelon joined us. That year we had only two teachers, namely: Mr. and Mrs. Osborn. With the help of the freshmen, we presented a Freshman-Sophomore play known as "A Perplexing Situation" which proved to be a success.

In the year of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine and nineteen hundred and thirty, the class was enlarged to the number of eleven. Lloyd Bender again returned and joined the class of gay, young juniors. Martha Swartzendruber, who had started her high school work in Goshen College, also joined our class. Earl Amelon left us about the middle of the term. A new instructor was chosen, namely: Miss Krueger, and with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Osborn we tried to do our work well. E. S. '31.



# Sophs




Left to Right—Lois McKray, Laverna Robertson, Marvle Palmer.



## THE SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

In the fall of the year nineteen hundred and twenty-eight we, the class of '32 entered the doors of C. H. S. as Freshmen. There were six members in our class, namely: Leota Yoder, Eunice Reber, Arline Patterson, Laverna Robertson, Chase Millice, and Lois McKray. Our first teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, to whom we went with all our difficulties and problems.

In the month of December we, with the assistance of the Sophomore class gave a play entitled "A Perplexing Situation" and a pantomime entitled "And the Lamp Went Out."

Soon after the beginning of the first semester we were disappointed to lose one of our classmates, Leota Yoder, who moved to Mississippi where she is now attending school.

We closed the year by taking a trip to Muscatine, Iowa.

Vacation having ended we re-entered the doors of Center High School as Sophomores. We all returned with the exception of Arline Patterson, who decided to attend Wellman High School. We were glad to know we were to have Marvle Palmer with us this year. Under the guidance of our teachers, Mr. Osborn, Mrs. Osborn, and Miss Krueger, we have progressed successfully.

Soon after school began, Eunice Reber left us and at the end of the first semester Chase Millice moved to Wellman.

Late in the fall the Freshmen and we, the Sophomores, presented the play, "Waiting for the Trolley."

L. M. '32





# Frosh



**Back Row:** Left to Right—Mena Gingerich, Velma Swartzendruber, Ruth Amelon, Nadine Bontrager, Darlene Fry.  
**Front Row:** Ward Miller, Harold Reber, Harry Swartzendruber, Eldon Kesselring, Morris Swartzendruber.



## FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

In the month of August, we the Freshmen class of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, entered Center High School as green and shy students. Soon the greenness and shyness wore away.

Our class entered high school with thirteen members, namely: Ruth Amelon, Leland Butterbaugh, Nadine Bontrager, Harold Reber, Hilda Brenneman, Ward Miller, Velma Swartzendruber, Isaiah Litwiller, Mena Gingerich, Eldon Kesselring, Harry Swartzendruber, Morris Swartzendruber, and Darlene Fry.

During the first semester we had the misfortune of losing three members of the class: Isaiah Litwiller, Leland Butterbaugh, and Hilda Brenneman. At the beginning of the third six weeks Margaret Ihrig joined us. She moved away at the end of the first semester.

We chose our class officers as follows:

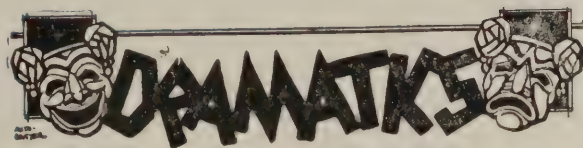
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| President .....           | Nadine Bontrager      |
| Vice President .....      | Morris Swartzendruber |
| Secretary-Treasurer ..... | Darlene Fry           |

In December the Freshmen and Sophomore classes presented a play entitled, "Waiting for the Trolley."

We, the class of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, have resolved to make the best better.

D. F. '33





## DECLAMATORY



**Back Row:** Left to Right—Coach, Mrs. Osborn, Ferne Wertz, Helena Amelon, Lois McKray, Nadine Bontrager, Darlene Fry.  
**Middle Row:** Eulah Miller, Edna Yoder, Mary Swartzendruber, Lloyd Fry, Paul Beard, Lois Bontrager.  
**Front Row:** Morris Swartzendruber, Harold Reber, Lloyd Bender, Eldon Kesselring.



## DECLAMATORY

One of the activities in which every student takes part is the declamatory work. The winners of the preliminary home contest were:

**Oratorical:** Paul Beard, Lloyd Fry, Morris Swartzendruber, Harold Reber.

**Dramatic:** Mary Swartzendruber, Ferne Wertz, Martha Swartzendruber, Darlene Fry, Edna Yoder.

**Humorous:** Lois Bontrager, Helena Amelon, Lois McKray, Eulah Miller, Lloyd Bender, Eldon Kesselring.

The winners of the final home contest were:

**Oratorical:** Lloyd Fry, first; Paul Beard, second; Morris Swartzendruber, third.

**Dramatic:** Edna Yoder, first; Mary Swartzendruber, second; Darlene Fry, third.

**Humorous:** Helena Amelon, first; Eulah Miller, second; Lois Bontrager, third.

At the final home contest Helena Amelon was substituted in the place of Nadine Bontrager. Because of illness she was unable to take part.

At the Johnson County Declamatory Contest for the smaller schools the following places were given to Center:

Oratorical—Lloyd Fry, second

Dramatic—Edna Yoder, first

Humorous—Helena Amelon, third



## THE FIRST JUNIOR-SENIOR PLAY



Back Row: Left to Right—Lloyd Fry, Charles Semler, Helena Amelon, Marvle Palmer, Mary Swartzendruber.  
Second Row: Emily Slaubaugh, Arvilla Eimen, Leona Swartzendruber, Lloyd Bender.  
Front Row: Frederick Beard, Martha Swartzendruber.



### APRIL 10 AND 11 "AND MARY DID"

|                                                 |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mary Sterling, a modern "Joan of Arc" .....     | Arvilla Eimen         |
| Laurence Grey, a modern "Lancelot" .....        | Lloyd Fry             |
| Mrs. Sterling, an old-fashioned mother .....    | Mary Swartzendruber   |
| Dressa Rand, the girl that men forget (?) ..... | Helena Amelon         |
| Daniel Grey, father of Laurence .....           | Charles Semler        |
| Edith Smith, Mary's chum .....                  | Marvle Palmer         |
| Willie Sterling, Mary's brother .....           | Lloyd Bender          |
| Betty Sterling, Mary's sister .....             | Emily Slaubaugh       |
| (Miss) O. G. Whittaker .....                    | Leona Swartzendruber  |
| Matilda, helps Mrs. Sterling .....              | Martha Swartzendruber |
| Henry, Daniel Grey's gardener .....             | Frederick Beard       |
| The Gentleman from Georgia .....                |                       |



## FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE CLASS PLAY

DECEMBER 19 AND 20

The following program was given by the Freshmen and Sophomores.

|                   |                  |                                       |                |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Piano Music ..... | Edward Osborn    | Roamin' in the Gloaming ....          | Ward Miller    |
| Songs .....       | Boys' Quartette  | Radio Broadcasting—                   |                |
| Reading .....     | Chase Millice    | Reading .....                         | Lois McKray    |
| Reading .....     | Nadine Bontrager | Vocal Solos .....                     | Sarah Campbell |
| Songs .....       | Girls' Quartette | Play, "Waiting for the Trolley"       |                |
| Reading .....     | Eldon Kesselring | Christmas Carols .....                | Audience       |
| Reading .....     | Marvle Palmer    | Wedding of Peggy and Zach—Three Girls |                |



## THE SECOND JUNIOR-SENIOR PLAY



**Back Row: Left to Right**—Agnes Swartzendruber, Delmar Brenneman, Leoan Liebe, Lois Bontrager, Paul Beard, Cecil Bontrager, Marjorie Hukil, Ferne Wertz, Edna Yoder.  
**Front Row: Left to Right**—Victor Hess, Eulah Miller, Clifton Gingerich.

### "SMILE, RODNEY, SMILE"

MAY 1 AND 2

|                                                              |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Virginia Roslyn, alias Miss Koogelheimer, the Princess ..... | Lois Bontrager       |
| Mrs. Winslow, Who lives next door to "The Castle" .....      | Ferne Wertz          |
| Betty Crowley, neighbor .....                                | Agnes Swartzendruber |
| Patty Nelson, Another charming neighbor .....                | Edna Yoder           |
| Mrs. Gilbert-Vance, Wants a fourth husband .....             | Eulah Miller         |
| Gwendolyn Vance, Her neice .....                             | Marjorie Hukil       |
| Bedelia Dwiggin, An old maid .....                           | Leon Liebe           |
| Bruce Bradley, Owner of "the Castle" .....                   | Victor Hess          |
| Rodney Bradley, His nephew .....                             | Paul Beard           |
| Egbert Marmont, A friend of Rod's .....                      | Delmar Brenneman     |
| Tubby Hays, Another friend .....                             | Clifton Gingerich    |
| Pickney Herring, The town's leading citizen .....            | Cecil Bontrager      |

### OUR SCHOOL

The grand old school of Center High,  
 Is a school on which we can rely;  
 You may look from nation to nation,  
 But Center gives the best education.  
 The students of Center are mighty in

books  
 And also very good for looks;  
 And this one thing holds good and true,  
 They always finish what they start  
 to do.

L. B. '31



# MUSIC

## GIRLS' QUARTETTE



Left to Right—Lois Bontrager, Edna Yoder, Agnes Swartzendruber, Arvilla Eimen.



Everyone always enjoys having the quartette. The girls organized their quartette during their freshman year and they continued together for four years. They were featured in a concert during their senior year. Everyone enjoyed this program.



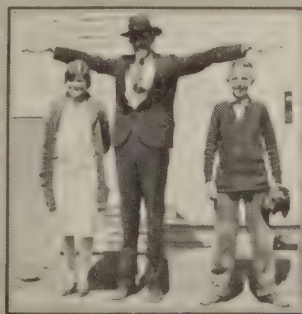
## JOLLY JUNIORS

The jolly juniors of Center high,  
Are students always willing to try,  
When the work is hard and lessons long,  
They grin and follow right along.

Then comes the grand semester test,  
The juniors rank among the best;  
In work or play, whether they lose or  
win,  
They always participate with a grin.  
L. B. '31



THE CENTERIKA



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# ATHLETICS

## BOYS' BASKETBALL



**Back Row: Left to Right**—Coach Osborn, Ward Miller, Harold Reber, Clifton Gingerich, Paul Beard.

**Front Row:** Cecil Bontrager, Lloyd Fry, Capt. Victor Hess, Delmar Brenneman, Charles Semler.



## BASKETBALL

|              |                     |    |                      |                     |    |
|--------------|---------------------|----|----------------------|---------------------|----|
| Center ..... | 6 Ely .....         | 7  | Center .....         | 18 Ely .....        | 19 |
| Center ..... | 14 Shueyville ..... | 11 | Center .....         | 6 Kalona .....      | 38 |
| Center ..... | 13 Sharon .....     | 11 | Center .....         | 14 Oxford .....     | 26 |
| Center ..... | 11 Cosgrove .....   | 12 | Center (Girls) ..... | 10 Sharon .....     | 33 |
| Center ..... | 11 Shueyville ..... | 7  | Center (Girls) ..... | 13 Sharon .....     | 24 |
| Center ..... | 7 Sharon .....      | 6  | Center (Girls) ..... | 12 Shueyville ..... | 20 |
| Center ..... | 9 Oxford .....      | 10 | Center (Girls) ..... | 19 Shueyville ..... | 23 |
| Center ..... | 2 Cosgrove .....    | 8  |                      |                     |    |

## TOURNAMENT

|              |                   |    |              |                |    |
|--------------|-------------------|----|--------------|----------------|----|
| Center ..... | 15 Cosgrove ..... | 25 | Center ..... | 8 Sharon ..... | 15 |
|--------------|-------------------|----|--------------|----------------|----|





## GIRLS' BASKETBALL



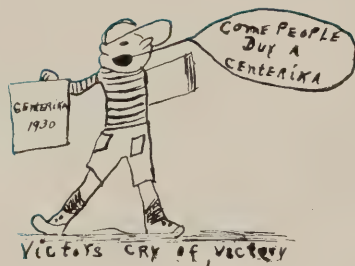
**Back Row:** Left to Right—Edna Yoder, Eulah Miller, Laverna Robertson, Helena Amelon, Ruth Amelon.  
**Front Row:** Marjorie Hukill, Capt. Arvilla Eimen, Ferne Wertz, Coach, Miss Krueger.

## BOYS' BASEBALL



**Back Row:** Left to Right—Ward Miller, Clifton Gingerich, Cecil Bontrager, Delmar Brenneman, Eldon Kesselring, Morris Swartzendruber.  
**Front Row:** Charles Semler, Lloyd Fry, Capt. Victor Hess, Paul Beard, Harold Reber, Coach Osborn.





VICTOR'S CRY OF VICTORY



CHARLES Fishing Pond



FREDRICKS Bird

A MEER FRESHIE



WHAT A BIRD I AM  
JELMAN



"I GET THE BLUES  
WHEN IT RAINS"  
ELDON SAYS



LLOYD'S EXPERIENCES WITH  
HER DAD



MARVEL'S REDUCING  
LESSON



MORIS'S BACKSEAT DRIVER



DIGINIFIED SENIOR  
(HILLEN)





## THE SILVER LINING

"There's a silver lining through the dark clouds shining. . . ."

Softly the sweet strains of music died away as Margaret Western closed her window gently and sat thinking a long time. Her sunny face looked troubled as she turned resolutely away and said, "I don't believe it. There can't be silver lining to every cloud. There isn't to this one anyway. What will we do for a living if I cannot get a school? I don't care for myself, but what will mother do? Oh, why does work have to be so scarce?"

Her serious blue eyes filled with tears, but she hastily dried them as she heard her mother's footsteps. She did not want her mother to know how serious matters were.

"You must be tired, Margaret. You have been gone a long time, but have you found a school?" said her mother in her quiet voice.

"No, mother, but don't worry. I will find one yet; see if I don't," said Margaret as cheerfully as she could, and then added, "You know, mother, the schools are all taken near here and if I do find one I will not be able to board at home."

"It will be lonesome without you, Margaret, but we ought to be satisfied if you get a school as that will be our only source of income," said her mother regretfully. Then her face brightened as she added, "I might be able to get little Joan Mitchell to stay with me."

"Fine, mother. You are always looking on the bright side," said Margaret enthusiastically.

The next morning Margaret was up early and again went in search of work. She would have enjoyed the beautiful scenery had not her heart been so heavy. That evening she came home tired and discouraged. Her mother noticed her tired look in spite of Margaret's efforts to conceal it, and did not need to ask her whether she had found a school.

"You must sit down and eat now, Margaret," said her mother, "and forget all about your school for awhile."

Margaret did so, but while she was enjoying her meal she was interrupted by the ring of the telephone, and went to answer.

"Hello—Yes—Yes—I'll take it," said Margaret hanging up the receiver excitedly, "It was Mr. White and he said that I may have Miss Lyon's school, because she has decided to go to college. Isn't it wonderful to have a position? There is a silver lining after all."

M. S. '31



## GEOMETRY

With apology to Shakespeare.

Friends, neighbors, and classmates, give me your attention.

I am going to discuss Geometry, but not to praise it. The evil that it does lives after us and the good it does is not worth mentioning. So goes it with Geometry.

All the noble professors tell me that Geometry is well worth studying, but if this were true it would not cause all Sophomores so much grief.

Here under the leaves of Geometry there is no rest for Geometry is a horrible book. They all say it is a horrible book.



Gladly would I speak at Geometry's funeral for it was never a friend of mine; it was always unjust to me.

Professors say we should be more ambitious, but Geometry is a horrible book. It has caused many students far to roam. When the poor students cry the professors yell, "You should be made of sterner stuff."

Oh! Yes, Geometry is a horrible book.

You all have seen that on the front page I have written notes galore, yet it refuses to give me knowledge. I repeat it, friends, it is a horrible book.

I speak not to disprove what the professors say, I speak to tell you what I know.

You all did hate it once, not without cause for Geometry is a horrible book. I have lost all my "reasons" so I must pause till they come back to me.

L. M. '32



### I MEANT TO DO IT

"What sweet, dear girls they are," said Cousin Agnes looking after Dorry and Lorraine as they left the room together. "So full of sweet impulses, both of them. They heard me say that I would have trouble with my eyes until I got my glasses and they both begged to be allowed to do things for me. I was struggling to thread a needle and striking everything but the eye," she added laughingly.

An hour later, when she picked up her workbasket, it was to find a row of needles already threaded. "You darlings!" she exclaimed.

"It was Lorraine," said Dorry. "I meant to help, but it slipped my mind."

"Thank you so much, Lorraine," said Cousin Agnes warmly, "and you too, Dorry, for thinking of it."

"Well, well, who mended my gloves so beautifully?" asked their father the next morning. But his eyes turned naturally to Lorraine, who flushed with pleasure as she returned his kiss.

"I love to do it," said Lorraine.

"I meant to do it," said Dorry quickly. "I thought I'd get right at them when you made that funny face over the holes when you took them off yesterday, but I just forgot."

"I want to thank you girls," said Mrs. Andrews, their Sunday school teacher, when she called in the afternoon, "for going to see Amy James and coaxing her back into the class. She's such a shy little thing, and her feelings were hurt a week ago by one of the other children, and it only needed Lorraine and Dorry to follow it up and make things all smooth and nice again."

"It was Lorraine, who went to see her," Dorry said truthfully. "I meant to go—I thought I surely would when you asked us, but somehow I forgot and Lorraine went."

"Oh, how the little sick children will love those bright pictures!" Miss Drew exclaimed as she glanced over the neat muslin pages covered with pictures cut from old magazines. She had stopped for these gifts which had been prepared for the Children's Hospital. "They're lovely, Lorraine, and how many of them you have done!"

"I meant to have some ready, too," said Dorry. "My grandmother gave me a whole lot of old magazines to cut up for the hospital, but I just didn't remember to get at it in time."

"Dorry always means to do things, but it's Lorraine who does them," mused Cousin Agnes, when their caller had gone. "There's a great difference between the two girls. The girl that is dependable and really does things is the one who will be a success."

V. S. '33





# *ALUMNI*



## DEDICATION

To Mr. and Mrs. Wayland W. Osborn, who for the past three years have devoted themselves so unselfishly to the interests of Center High School and this community, we, the Alumni Association of Center High School, gratefully dedicate this Alumni Section.



## OFFICERS

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| President .....           | Clifford H. Hess '28        |
| Vice-President .....      | Jacob F. Swartzendruber '28 |
| Secretary-Treasurer ..... | Vernon B. Bontrager '28     |



## EDITORIAL

## The Alumni Association

In the spring of 1928 a group of nine members comprising the graduating class of that year met and organized the Alumni Association of Center High School, for the purpose of upholding the spirit and traditions of their prided Alma Mater. Two successive graduating classes have since swelled the ranks of the organization to 30. It has been made the custom to meet annually at a banquet attended by the Alumni and the graduating class whose members are formally initiated into membership at this time. Thus we note another purpose of the Alumni Association as important if not more important, than the one previously mentioned: namely, maintaining the friendships of high school days. Here, once a year old friends will gather to forget their cares and responsibilities for a few hours and converse as freely as in class room days. So here's to the Center High School Alumni Association. Long may it live!

## A Gym for Center High School

During the past year or two there has been considerable discussion as to the feasibility of building a gymnasium for use of the students of Center High School and the community. By state law each school is required to teach at least fifty minutes of physical training each week. This work should be done not only to comply with the state law, but also to train the physical parts of the body as well as the mental. Physical training not only exercises the muscles but also trains the mind to work accurately and quickly. Think of the time it takes many people to reach a decision. Suppose a person playing base ball or basket ball used the same time before throwing! Not only must a player think quickly but also accurately. Surely, no one would think of hindering such work. The question should be: "How much can we help?" Any one who thinks seriously at all will see that a school building where 40 pupils are working with barely enough room for classwork does not have sufficient room for the required work in physical training. The main question is one of funds with which to work. Why not plan a building which can be used as an auditorium in which community meetings could be held, and which could be used as an auditorium in which to have plays, basket ball games, lectures, or many other features. Such a building could be so built that it will furnish shelter for the eight or twelve automobiles which usually are on the school grounds. The income from such a project would in a number of years pay for itself besides helping our school greatly. Center High School is no longer an experiment and must be provided with the proper equipment to do her work well. Let our motto be: "A gym for Center High School."



## TO THE CLASS OF '30

To you who have braved the dangers of traveling the path of a student and have overcome Physics, Algebra, Law, and all the other monsters along the wayside, we give you a welcome to join the ranks of your predecessors. All that remains now is for you to be initiated into full membership. Again, Welcome!





'28

Top Row: Jacob Swartzendruber, Maynard Reber, Clifford Hess.  
 Faculty: Mrs. Lena Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Osborn.  
 Third Row: Mary Eash, Fern Swartzendruber, Francis Palmer.  
 Fourth Row: Otha Jones, Vernon Bontrager, Harold Miller.



## ALUMNI NEWS

George Hess '29 has continued his raid on A's at Coe college. He will forsake his pursuits of knowledge and impart some of it to the pupils of Hardin No. 3 next year. Be it at Bishop's Cafeteria or at the classroom his ready smile still has its old-time power.

Mary Eash '28 believes in diversity of occupations. Among other things she has spent some of her time in Indiana. Wherever she may be, she finds enough to keep her busy. Reflecting over bygone days is a pleasure.

Ervin Eash '29 has labored behind the counter for the past year. Judging from appearances it has agreed with him. He is employed by the Economy Grocery of Iowa City. Drop in and he will be glad to serve you.

Vernon Bontrager '28 has launched out into the deep. He applies the laws of falling bodies to felling trees. He also assists in other farm work, using whatever formulae are necessary for such work. Ask him about the above.

Walter Marner '29 spends his time between the roads, bed, field, and table. He thinks the roads and an occasional rest in bed make a better combination than the field and any other thing. Music (?) also has an attraction for him.

Otha Jones '28 has not yet forsaken the farm. Whenever you see Otha he is just the same being that he was in the days when peppermint and wicked eggs stuffed with cotton were known at Center High.

Seth Eimen '29 withstood the threats and dangers of one year of teaching. He goes back to Washington No. 3 again next year. A catchers mitt still fits him. Neither has his eye dimmed nor his arm weakened. He can still pick them out of thin air for a put out.

Clifford Hess '29 believes in some form of teacher's tenure. For the third year he will direct the minds of our future citizens at Washington, No. 2. He finds that a combination of teaching during the winter and farming through the summer goes quite well. Clifford is still interested in physical education. His efficiency in this field is shown by the fact that for the past two years he has been chosen to serve on the Playday committee.

Melva Gingerich '29 finds life at the University of Iowa quite agreeable, but would appreciate it if the ten o'clock rule would be extended, so she could attend more of the Center High School functions. She still enjoys mathematics enough to have hopes to be able to join a sorority for those of high scholarship. Thus we see that the products of Center High rank with the best in even the largest of schools.

Between farming, running machinery, and traveling you will find Harold Miller '28 dividing his time. If it's in traveling he can tell you about thrilling escapes from pineapples (bombs). He might be able to describe a few runaways when talking about farming, but home runs are almost a thing of the past for him.

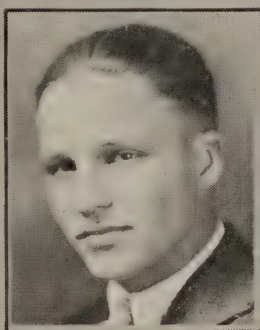
Fern Swartzendruber '28 finds work at home entirely agreeable and apparently finds plenty of work to occupy her time.

Vir Jones '29 thinks a high school education for a farmer is not a bad thing. He seems to be joining that profession. In this work he might get to shoot a few of the squirrels he used to tell about when in school.

Francis Palmer '28 after spending a year on the road has settled down to the occupation of pedagogy. This completes the "Big Four" group which raided the halls of Coe college during the summer of 1928. These raids usually took place at about 7:35 A. M., five minutes late for class. With Francis in the profession we find all four of them (Clifford Hess, Maynard Reber, Jacob Swartzendruber, and Francis Palmer) in the school room. Incidentally, they all drive Model A. Fords.

Walter Reber '29 has been engaged the past year at teaching in a school near North Liberty. There's only one drawback, he says. It's too far from his home community. "Chief" is the same old lad of high school days.





'29

Upper Row: Left to Right—Walter Marner, Seth Eimen, Walter Reber.  
Faculty: Mrs. W. W. Osborn, Mr. W. W. Osborn.  
Third Row: George Hess, Melva Gingerich, Wallace Gingerich.  
Fourth Row: Laurine Miller, Vir Jones, Ervin Eash.



We also find Jacob Swartzendruber '28 still in the role of pedagogue. He has been teaching the past year at Washington No. 5 and has engaged the school again for next year. Last summer he attended the summer session at the S. U. I. and he plans to continue his quest of knowledge in a similar manner this summer.

Wallace Gingerich is another alumnus who still remains on the farm, where he assists his father.

Last but not least, we find that Maynard Reber has been teaching at Union No. 8 during the past year. He will probably work on the farm again this summer.



## ALUMNI PLAY

Sonny-Jane

(May 12-13, 1930)

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Peggy Foster .....            | Fern Swartzendruber  |
| Lucille Brander .....         | Helena Amelon        |
| Pansy .....                   | Arvilla Eimen        |
| Mrs. Amelia Spitzendorf ..... | Seth Eimen           |
| Ruby Wade .....               | Velma Swartzendruber |
| Nancy Wade .....              | Miss Krueger         |
| Sonny-Jane Marquard .....     | Mary K. Bontrager    |
| Charles Mitchell .....        | Francis Palmer       |
| Sam Streck .....              | Clifford Hess        |
| Larry Randolph .....          | Jacob Swartzendruber |
| Joe Martin .....              | Vernon Bontrager     |
| Freddie Beadle .....          | Walter Marner        |

We are especially indebted and very grateful to the following who, though they were not members of our group, helped us so kindly. They are—Helena Amelon, Arvilla Eimen, Miss Krueger, Mary K. Bontrager, and Velma Swartzendruber.



## ALUMNI BANQUET

The Alumni Banquet was held May 14 at Center High School, with Melva Rae Gingerich as hostess and George Hess as toastmaster. Following a delightful three-course dinner an imaginary baseball game between the old rivals, Sharon and Center, was played as follows:

Teams: Center—Clifford Hess  
Sharon—Arvilla Eimen

Players: Center Pitcher—Vernon Bontrager  
Sharon Pitcher—Edna Yoder  
Center Catcher—Seth Eimen  
Sharon Catcher—Agnes Swartzendruber  
Center Baseman—Fern Swartzendruber  
Sharon Baseman—Cecil Bontrager  
Center Fielder—Walter G. Reber.  
Sharon Fielder—Lois Bontrager  
Bat: Delmar Brennehan  
Ball: Maynard Reber  
Scores: Helena Amelon  
Home-runs: Harold Miller  
Umpires: Base—George Pennington.  
Home—Mrs. Osborn



# GRADE SCHOOLS

The grade schools and Center High School co-operate in their work. For the last three years Center High School and the grade schools have sponsored a Festival in October. The high school is made a community center for the schools of this township. It is interesting to know that that four of the township teachers are graduates of Center High School.



## DISTRICT NUMBER I

(Brush)

**Back Row: Left to Right**—Teacher, Miss Ruby Bontrager, Ferne Plecker, Barbara Miller, Marguerite Graper, Margaret Fry, Ella Miller, Myrtle Yoder, Elman Bontrager.

**Second Row from Back:** Eldon Graper, Lloyd Plecker, Henry Miller, Donald Fry, Clifton Moyer, Everette Plecker, Amy Otto.

**Third Row from Back:** Billy Evans, Isabelle Moyer, Lilah Plecker, Lena Miller, Clara Miller, Dora Plecker, Anna Miller, Harold Brogla.

**Front Row:** Evered Ihrig, Evelyn Amelon, Paul Miller.



### DISTRICT NUMBER II (Oakland)



**Back Row:** Left to Right—Clifford Hess, Teacher, Ruby Taylor Mildred Kinsinger, Evelyn Beard, Ellen Beard, Lester Yoder, Donald Beard, Deane McKray, Cleo Yoder, Edith Eimen. **Front Row:** Treva Beard, Myrtle Gosnell, Harold Rahret, Alva Grout, Omar Eimen, Guy Grout, Virgil Grout, Maynard Kinsinger, Howard Yoder, John Beard, Charles Gosnell, Clifford Grout.

### DISTRICT NUMBER III (Woodland)



**Back Row:** Left to Right—Marjorie Yoder, Evelyn Bender, Ruth Graham, James Hill, Dorothy Gingerich, Seth Eimen, teacher. **Middle Row:** Pearl Brennamen, Max Yoder, Arthur Hill, Donald Slaubaugh, Leonard Graham, Edwin Hill. **Front Row:** Elsie Graham, Herbert Hill, Helen Miller, Margaret Yoder, Stanley Yoder, Virgil Brenneman.



# DISTRICT NUMBER IV (Hickory Grove)



Back Row: Left to Right—Dorothy Miller, Simon Wertz, Lynn Wertz, George Yoder, William Reber, Benjamin Swartzendruber, teacher. Middle Row: Helen Slaubaugh, Beulah Slaubaugh, Lois Erb, Shirley Erb, Florence Yoder, Kohl Miller, Effie Swartzendruber. Front Row: Ellis Swartzendruber, Kenneth Schmuker, Edith Swartzendruber, Helen Wertz, Pauline Miller, Carly June Erb.

# DISTRICT NUMBER V (Center)



Back Row: Left to Right—Anna Mae Miller, Lucille Swartzendruber, Elsie Miller, Edith Yoder, Kathryn Miller. Middle Row: Bertha Miller, John Miller, Eldon Swartzendruber, Jacob Swartzendruber, teacher, Lester Reber, Mary Ellen Swartzendruber, Betty Brennman. Front Row: Howard Palmer, Samuel Miller, Billy Swartzendruber, Nora Miller, Wilbur Miller, Stanley Swartzendruber.



DISTRICT NUMBER VI (Lincoln)



**Back Row: Left to Right**—Teacher, Mary Bontrager, Eldora Gingerich, Cora Gingerich, Mildred Gingerich, Elsie Gingerich, Vera Fry, Lola Hochstetler, Arlene Fry, Velma Gingerich. **Middle Row:** Chester Gingerich, Ena Yoder, Ward Liebe, Woodrow Liebe, Arlo Fry, Harold Brenneman, Grace Shetler. **Front Row:** Arlene Hochstetler, Jacob Gingerich, Floyd Gingerich, Dwane Yoder, Luella Yoder, Cleo Dickle.

DISTRICT NUMBER VII (Prairie Dale)



**Back Row: Left to Right**—Rozetta Ropp, Teacher; Arlene Ihrig, Maudie Brenneman, Ezra Brenneman, Ruth Brenneman, Edwin Brenneman, Leo Yoder. **Middle Row:** Helen Boller, Fannie Brenneman, Dale Brenneman, Eldon Brenneman, Melvin Gingerich, Willard Yoder. **Front Row:** Kathryn Brenneman, Ellen Miller, Martin Boller, Floyd Brenneman, Merle Ihrig, Edith Yoder, Mildred Brenneman.



DISTRICT NUMBER VIII (Brush)



Back Row: Left to Right—Glenwood Gingerich, Ada Brenneman, Doris Slaubaugh, Bernice Yoder, Pauline Slaubaugh, Howard Miller, Rollin Gingerich, Glenn Miller, Francis Palmer, teacher. Middle Row: Hilda Gingerich, Myrtle Gingerich, Wayne Yoder, Roman Yutzy, Raymond Woods, Freeman Gingerich, Leo Gingerich, Paul Swartzendruber, David Brenneman. Front Row: Alberta Jane Linneman, Ellen Yoder, Daniel Brenneman, Cleo Troyer, Paul Troyer, Eli Yutzy, Donald Woods, Ray Miller, Orval Yoder.

DISTRICT NUMBER IX (Pacific)



Back Row: Left to Right—Claude Capper, Roy Goscho, Ursula, Swartzendruber, Charles Capper, Ruth Doolin, Mable Ditweiler, teacher. Middle Row: Mark Swartzendruber, Joseph Swartzendruber, Cleo Goscho, John Capper, Owen Swartzendruber, Nora Doolin. Front Row: Geraldine Swartzendruber, Doris Marner.



# SIDE GLANCES

## NEWSETTES

The Annual Washington Township Fall Festival was held at Center High School October 5.

There was a large display of exhibits which proved more interesting for everyone. The day was spent in judging the exhibits, announcing the winners, and the presentment of a program by the schools of the Township.

At noon a delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the community.

The purpose of this event is to spread the spirit of co-operation among the schools, and to let the public know of the things that are being accomplished throughout the community.

Three members of the senior class have chosen to follow the footsteps of their instructors.

Edna Yoder will attend Coe College at Cedar Rapids this summer to prepare herself to teach. She will teach the White Hall School in Green Township.

Lois Bontrager will also attend summer school at Coe College and make preparations to teach.

Eulah Miller says she will either teach next year or attend college somewhere. She may be found at Coe this summer.

We are proud to announce the fact that one of our members, Agnes Swartzendruber, is planning to enter the Nurses' Training School at La Junta, Colorado this fall. We are certain her cheerful disposition will bring comfort to many a suffering patient.

Home is a good place to stay. At least four of our members seem to think so.

Helena Amelon, Ferne Wertz, Arvilla Eimen, and Mary Swartzendruber will be engaged in farm and house work at home this summer.

Marjorie Hukill is not sure what the summer has in store for her. She is hoping to attend business college at Cedar Rapids.

Cecil Bontrager has decided to "work out" but isn't sure where.

Delmar Brenneman has decided to attend Iowa University.

Mr. Pennington will continue his work in Joetown this summer. He has not made definite plans for the entire year.

Miss Krueger is going to attend summer school at Coe College this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn are going to spend their summer vacation on a farm near Solon, Iowa. Mr. Osborn plans to attend the University of Iowa this summer. Next fall they will be at the Elvira Consolidated School, Clinton, Iowa. Mr. Osborn was elected superintendent and Mrs. Osborn principal of this school.

The Baccalaureate services were held at the Joetown Church on Sunday evening, May 11. Mr. James Coons, president of the Iowa Wesleyan College, gave the sermon.

The Commencement exercises were held at Center High School, May 15. R. K. Bliss, head of the extension division of Iowa State College, gave the address.

An interesting feature of our social activities are the literary societies. The Irving and Eycelsior societies were organized in 1927, and were very successful during its first year. The school was evenly divided, half belonging to each society. The officers were chosen at the beginning of the year and held office the entire school year.

The officers of each society are as follows:

### IRVINGS

President—Lois Bontrager; Vice President—Victor Hess; Secretary-Treasurer—Eulah Miller; Program Committee—Emily Slaubaugh, Darlene Fry, and Harold Reber.

### EXCELSIORS

President—Lloyd Fry; Vice President—Agnes Swartzendruber; Secretary-Treasurer—Morris Swartzendruber; Program Committee—Marvle Palmer, Delmar Brenneman, and Edna Yoder.



## TO THE COMMUNITY

Since we are leaving Center, we want to take this opportunity to tell you people how much we have enjoyed working in your community for the past three years. We have appreciated the cooperation that you have always given us. We are sorry to leave Center because we have many friends here. Although our new positions at the Elvira Consolidated School will demand our attention, we will always be interested in the success of Center, and its graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn.



## JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

May 5  
A Fairy Garden

|                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Toast Master .....              | Frederick Beard         |
| Choosing Your Garden Spot ..... | Lois Bontrager          |
| Preparation for Planting .....  | Emily Slaubaugh         |
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## PLAY THE GAME

When the other side is winning,  
And things are going wrong,  
And no matter how you battle,  
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Don't start to crab your fellows.  
Don't be the one to blame;  
But grit your teeth and buckle down,  
And, Buddy—play the game.

When you just can't seem to rally,  
And you can't bring down their lead,  
When the chap who sprained his ankle,  
Was just the one you need;  
When the good old bunch seems beaten,  
And the team is stiff and lame—  
Just call a cheery word or two,  
And, Buddy—play the game.

And when a chance to cheat comes up  
When no one would ever know,  
Remember, boy, your team plays clean,  
So play the game and let it go.  
When you feel like lying down  
Though it brings your old school  
shame,  
Remember, it's when you're losing,  
That you have to play the game.

Then, when the show is over,  
And the other bunch has won,  
And all your dreams are shattered,  
And you feel your day is done,  
You don't feel very cheerful;  
But, Buddy, just the same,  
It doesn't hurt one-half so much  
If you know you've played the game.

L. F. '31

## Winners in Local Academic Test

**Geometry:** La Verna Robertson, first;  
Lois McKray, second.

**Physics:** Charles Semler, first; Fred-  
rick Beard, second.

**Algebra:** Darlene Fry, first; Nadine  
Bontrager, second.

**Englist I:** Nadine Bontrager, first; Ward  
Miller, second.

**Englist II:** Marvle Palmer, first; Lois  
McKray, second.

**Englist Literature:** George Pennington,  
first; Martha Swartzendruber, second.

**English Correctness, Seniors:** Lois Bont-  
rager, first; Agnes Swartzendruber,  
second.

**English Correctness, Juniors:** Emily  
Slaubaugh, first; Martha Swartzen-  
druber, second.

**World History:** Paul Beard, first; Emily  
Slaubaugh, second.

**American Government:** Lois Bontrager,  
first; Victor Hess, second.

**American History:** Emily Slaubaugh,  
first; Fredrick Beard, second.

**Economics:** Helena Amelon, first; Eulah  
Miller, second.



## *An Appreciation*

A word of appreciation is due to those who have contributed to the success of this book. To our faculty, who have given us helpful suggestions and criticisms, to the business men who have helped to make possible this publication by their advertisements, and to those who have contributed articles, we are truly grateful.

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Helena's vanity case.  
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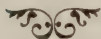


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Marjorie: "When it get to the bottom."

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Miss Krueger: "What is ignorance, Ward Miller?"

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"Don't be like that," admonishes a senior to one of the freshmen.



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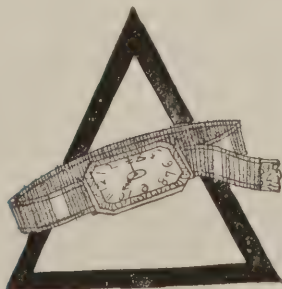
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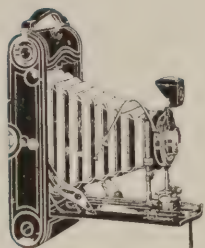
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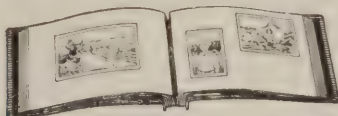
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